

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement required by the Examiner, requiring election between:

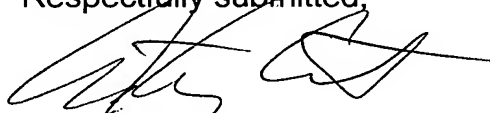
Species A: Fig. 2;
Species B: Fig. 3;
Species C: Fig. 4; and
Species D: Fig. 5.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Species B: Fig. 3, corresponding to Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-19, and 21. Although the Examiner indicated that Claims 1 and 2 were generic to all species, Applicants submit that at least Claims 1-4, 9, 14, 17-18, and 21 are generic to all species.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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